



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 7

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OFFICE OF THE
REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

St. Louis County Council
Administration Building
41 S. Central Avenue
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Dear Chairman Erby:

Thank you for your letter dated February 26, 2014, to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7, about our work at the West Lake Landfill Superfund site. My EPA Region 7 colleagues and I understand your concerns about the pace of work at West Lake based on the adoption of Resolution # 5 on February 25, 2014. I can assure EPA takes the responsibility of ensuring the health and safety of this community very seriously.

I have carefully considered the recommendation of the County Council and others that EPA explore working with the Army Corps of Engineers. I have recently spoken with Colonel Christopher Hall, commanding the St. Louis District of the Army Corps of Engineers, about ways in which his Corps District can assist the EPA in discharging this Agency's duties at the site. As these conversations continue, I look forward to keeping you and your fellow Council members advised on the progress we are making in the response to your concerns.

Please be assured that the EPA, working with our federal and state partners, including the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, continues to review the health evidence at West Lake. To date, this evidence establishes that West Lake and the adjoining Bridgeton Landfill continue to be managed in a way that protects the health and safety of Missourians who live and work nearby. We also believe that the legal orders imposed by the EPA Region 7 and the State of Missouri are currently protective of the health and safety of contractor employees currently working at the site.



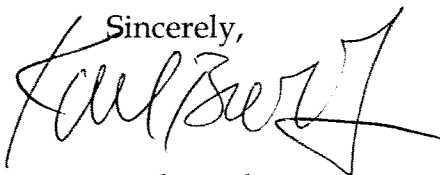
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Thank you again for your letter. I look forward to continuing our dialogue on this important issue. The EPA remains committed to ensuring the health and safety of the West Lake community.

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If we can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me at 913-551-7006, or your staff may contact Sarah Hatch at 913-551-7199.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karl Brooks', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Karl Brooks